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Todd Lecture, Monday, Two P. M.

WALTER HARROD TO HEAD EPSILON

Walt Harrod was nominated, uncontested, for the presidency of the Epsilon Chapter of Epsilon Pi Tau at a special meeting of the chapter held Tuesday noon. Elton Aykroyd was nominated for the position of vice-president and treasurer, also without opposition. For secretary, William Donovan was nominated. Ray Lowe received the nomination for librarian. The elections are expected to be held during the first part of next week.

MOHAWK CLUB ON WEEKEND TRIP

Today, at four P. M. the Mohawk Club, accompanied by their faculty sponsor Mr. Harrington, will leave in private cars, for a weekend trip to Mount Monadnock in East Jaffery, New Hampshire.

The club has secured a lodge at Camp Wonoxit, the Leominster Boy Scout Camp, at the base of the mountain.

All work on the trip has been given out to individual members of the club. Walter Vorse and Harry Moore will have charge of the kitchen; Chet Smith and Gil Berry will be in charge of dishwashing; John Guilfoil and Joe Daniels will have charge of the woodshed; and John Loiko will be head K. P. man. In so far as it was possible the club has purchased food for the club members. From Moore's Chicken Farm will come the finest eggs, from Harrod's Dairy will come the dairy products, and from the

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Todd Lecturer



Professor De Haas

SENIOR PROM TO BE AT BELMONT COUNTRY CLUB

The Annual Senior Promenade will be held this year at the Belmont Country Club on Friday evening, May 26.

Heading the various committees in charge of the prom are: Mildred Slattery, General Chairman; James Baker, Housing; Eleanor McCarthy, Favors; Lawrence Houle, Music; Leonard Murphy and Chester Bercome, Bids.

The Senior Class has been very fortunate to engage Bob Richmond and his Sophisticated Swing Orchestra, featuring the sweet and lovely Madeline Gray, "Broadway's Singing Star".

SUBJECT: "DEMOCRACY CANNOT FAIL"

Professor Of International Relationship At Harvard

Anton De Haas, who is to speak here on Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, on "Democracy Cannot Fail," has had a wide background of experience.

Born in Amsterdam, Holland, he came to America in 1904 and a short while later became a naturalized citizen. He received his B. A. from Stanford College, his M. A. at Harvard, and his Ph. D. at Stanford. Now a professor of International Relationships at Harvard; he has hitherto lectured and taught at Stanford, Ohio State University, Columbia University, and the University of Washington. His home is in Belmont.

The Todd Lectures were made possible by the accumulated in-

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SAX DANCE WELL ATTENDED BY STUDENTS

The annual Saxifrage Dance was held, Friday, May 12th, in the college library, under the direction of the Saxifrage board and it's committee.

The highlight of the evening was the distribution of the class books by the Editor-in-Chief, Norma Richardson, and Business Manager, Paul Martilla. Edward O'Sheasy, with his usual appropriate antics, auctioned off the large pictures taken from the class book.

Refreshments at intermission and music by Hank Lambert's Swingsters, all helped in making a well-rounded evening of fun for all attending.



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TAKING INVENTORY

"One more week and then we have final exams." These words are on the lips of practically every student in our college. You can read them in the expressions on the students' faces. You can sense them both in the classroom and in the library. There is no getting away from the fact that exams are only a week away. Now is the time to ask yourself two questions: first, "Where do I stand?" and second, "What am I going to do about it?"

We are told that if day by day we have conscientiously prepared our work in each subject, we should have no fear of taking final exams for we would be thoroughly prepared for them. Ask yourself the question, "Where do I stand?" Have you thoroughly prepared each lesson assigned to you; or have you just skimmed through the material; or worse yet, have you let some of your assignments slide, kidding yourself into thinking you'd do them later only to have them still undone? How about your notebooks and special assignments, are they all up to date, or have you got to rush around this weekend trying to get them completed, when you could have been using this valuable time in reviewing subject-matter in preparation for finals? How about the other hundred and one things you were supposed to do during the semester? Take stock of yourself; find out just where you do stand.

The Ash Tray

by Dick Finn

I like an exam.

I think they're fun.

I never cram.

And I never flunk one.

Who am I? (answer at the bottom of the column.)

A weather report for New England—Probable northeast to southwest winds, varying to the south, west, north, east, and points between; high and low barometer, sweeping around from place to place; probable areas of snow, hail, sleet, fog, and drought, succeeded or preceded by earthquake and (or hurricane) lightning with or without thunder. This postscript appears from my wandering mind to cover accidents. But it is probable that this may be wholly or partly changed in the meantime.

Ted Pierce has taken up fishing. He claims this to be a true fish story.

"Catching any?" a bystander asked him.

"Caught forty bass outa here yesterday" pipes up Ted.

"Say, do you know who I am?" asked the stranger.

"Nope, and don't care."

"Well, I'm the county fish and game warden."

Poor Ted thought for a minute and then said, "Say, mister, do you know who I am?"

"Nope and don't care," was repeated again, but this time it was the law.

"Well, mister, I'm the biggest liar in Worcester County."

Tact is what a certain Arkansas editor lacked when he printed the following item in his paper: "Miss Hannah Smith, a Batesville belle of twenty summers, is visiting her brother, age thirty-two.

When a certain lady needed the fire department, she sent in the alarm by letter. Her eight year old daughter entered headquarters and handed the chief this note: "The legs on my stove broke off and the stove has tipped over. The place is filled with smoke. My canary has dropped in its cage. Would you please come up and put out the fire?"

With the child in the front seat and the siren going full tilt, the truck raced to the scene. A funny way for an eight-year-old to get a real thrill.

It's much as Steve says—"The things we love most are either illegal, immoral, or fattening."

Answer to "Who am I?"—A teacher.

WOMEN'S B'DS BANQUET AT BROOKS' TUESDAY

The annual banquet of the Commuting Women's Board and the Dormitory House Board is to be held at Brooks' Restaurant, Fitchburg on Tuesday evening, May 23, at 6 o'clock. Both the retiring members and the newly-elected members of the boards will be present.

The guests at the banquet will be the women members of last year's and next year's Cooperative Council.

Constance Day, retiring president of the Commuting Board and Charlotte Hanson, retiring president of the Dormitory Board are working with Miss Bradt, faculty sponsor of the organizations, on plans for the event.

FRAN MCCARTHY ELECTED PRES. OF ART CLUB

Art Club officers for next year are as follows: President, Frances McCarthy; vice-president, Grace Gaudet; secretary, Joan Buckley; and treasurer, Ray Edwards.

SENIOR ENGLISH MAJORS ENTERTAINED AT TEA

Seniors who are English majors were entertained at tea on Monday afternoon, May 15, at the home of Helen Gibson with Ruth Lafrennie, Phyllis Batterson, Helen Gibson and Miss Nixon as hostesses. With literary stunts and music, the guests showed their great skills, and enjoyed refreshments from a tea-table presided over by Mrs. Gibson. Those invited were Charlotte Hanson, Madelyn Wolfson, Mildred Slattery, Dorothy Sleep, Mary Disken, Ann McIntyre, Kathryn Carr, and Marie Neudorf.

When Better Foods Are Wanted

Visit

THE COLLEGE SPA

FACTS ABOUT THE TEACHERS COLLEGES

With proposals being advanced to close four of the state teachers colleges in the commonwealth, a pamphlet entitled "Facts about Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges", bringing out many reasons why the colleges should be preserved, has been issued.

The pamphlet is made up of questions and answers. The first question asked of the reader is "What is the placement record of the Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges?" In the years 1925-1937 they had placed 78.5 percent of their graduates. Of the graduates of 1938, 56.3 percent have already been placed in teaching positions.

"What is the value of this group of schools to the commonwealth?" is asked next. The answer brings out the fact that, the colleges make up the axis for public school education, since 72.4 percent of the elementary and junior high school teachers in the state attended the Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges.

In regard to those served by the teachers college system the pamphlet indicates that 3239 students from 236 cities and towns, many from families of the low income group, depend on these institutions for their education.

The high academic standing of the teachers colleges is proved by the facts that graduates of the colleges have been accepted for graduate study in some of the foremost colleges and universities in the country, and that graduates of many of the colleges of note have pursued graduate work in the teachers colleges of Massachusetts. A further determinant in the academic standing of the colleges is cited in the fact that approximately 75 percent of students admitted from public high schools were admitted by certification.

The Commonwealth of Massa-

CAVELEER MINSTREL SHOW POSTPONED

Due to administrative decree the Gaveleer Minstrel Show has been postponed indefinitely.

ED. O'SHEASY SELECTED AS SCHOOL MARSHAL

Edward O'Sheasy, as school marshal, will head the F.T.C. marching on Class Day. Lawrence Houle will lead the Seniors; Lillian Szocik will be Sophomore marshal; and the Freshmen will follow behind their class president, Henry Walsh.

CAVELEER CLUB TO HAVE ANNUAL REUNION

The Gaveleer annual reunion will be held tomorrow night at the Whalom Women's Club. Mr. Nelson Bishop, associate Editor of the "Reading Chronicle" will be the guest speaker.

Sargent Stanley, president-elect of the society has charge of the event.

STUDENT COOPERATIVE MEETING TUESDAY

There will be a meeting of the Student Cooperative Association Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock for the purpose of approving of by-laws.

ASSEMBLY COM. REPORT

The Assembly Committee will make its annual report Tuesday morning at assembly.

chusetts stands 47th among the 48 states and the District of Columbia in money expended for publicly controlled institutions of higher education (per person 18-21 years of age).

Mustache Trimming A Specialty
at

Joe's Little Campus
Highland Ave. BARBER SHOP

W. A. A. Banquet To Be Held On May 24



Ruth Hughes

RUTH HUGHES TO TAKE OFFICE

Elinore Scully Heads Committee For Banquet

Anna Clifford, retiring president of the Women's Athletic Association will relinquish her executive office to Ruth Hughes, president elect, at the annual W. A. A. Banquet to be held Wednesday, May 24, at Palmer Hall.

This banquet at which blazers, pin, and monograms will be awarded will be the climax of the athletic year. Blazers, the highest award, are given to the most deserving Seniors while pins and monograms are awarded to the girls fulfilling a required number of points.

Elinore Scully, W. A. A. president during the '37-'38 season, is general chairman of the banquet and plans to make it even more successful than former years. Every girl in the school makes a special effort to attend this banquet as it is the biggest W. A. A. get-together during the athletic year.

Tickets may be obtained in Miss Goodfellow's office for 75 cents.

Committees working with Elinore Scully are:

Program committee—Eileen Connelly, chairman; Mary Disken, Lillian Szocik, Bernadine Johnson, Geraldine Lyons.

Decoration committee—Ellen Dormin, chairman; Mary Chase,



Anna Clifford

Edith Buckingham, Frances McCarthy, Helen Whitcomb.

Menu committee—Constance Day, chairman; Ruth Hughes, Mary Shea, Frances Merritt.

Music committee—Lois White, chairman; Barbara Baldwin, Sirkka Waris, Nellie Meskinis.

Publicity committee—Beulah Mitchell, chairman; Helvi Winturri, Ursula Mulcahy, Dorothy Dalquist.

Seating plan—Helen McAuliff, chairman; Elizabeth O'Conner, Ruth Lagsdin, Gertrude Herman-son.

Ticket committee—Eileen Sheehan, chairman.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT GETS UNDERWAY

The Intra-mural tennis tournament has begun under the direction of the Intra-mural Board, guided by the new officers: Walter Vorse, Director and Edward Driscoll, Secretary. The first round has progressed satisfactorily, and much interest is being shown by the participants. Although Ray Creamer, former varsity star, is favored to attain the championship, competition is keen and many well played matches are resulting. It is expected that the quarter and semi-final matches will be played off within the next few days in order that the tournament will be decided before examinations begin. The committee in charge consists of Tony Tasca and Kenneth O'Neil.

BASEBALL TEAM SUFFERS TWO DEFEATS

Within the last week F. T. C. baseball nine lost two games, one each to New Britain, and American International College. Hard luck has kept the Healy men from winning, however, Coach Healy expects a victory over Salem Teachers this Friday at Salem.

Badminton and Ping Pong

All girls who have signed up for the badminton or ping pong tournaments should finish up their matches soon. Let's all cooperate with Bernie Johnson.

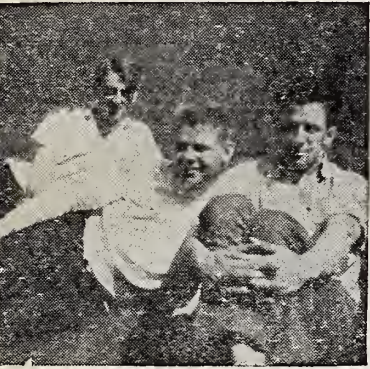
GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAMS TO BE PICKED SOON

Members of the four classes are enthusiastically attending the softball practices held under the direction of Nellie Meskinis, head of the sport. Class and color teams will be chosen soon and as usual the competition will be keen.

Campus Chatter

Orchids to the Seniors for the super-streamlined "Sax," which they distributed last Friday nite.

Those who are interested in taking their final exams should start checking up to make sure that all of their bills are paid. A word to the wise is sufficient.



The following is one of the pet divisions of a senior group in a certain instructor's class:

- Rindge Road Special**
- We have a few more nooks and corners available at Rindge Road. Sign below by couples.
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|--------|-----|---------|
| Gin | and | Fizz |
| Bolts | and | Nuts |
| Lock | and | Bar |
| Ham | and | Eggs |
| Jim | and | Joe |
| Ann Mc | and | Tire |
| Ebb | and | Flow |
| Mickey | and | Minnie |
| Hans | and | Fritz |
| Baker | and | Dough |
| Tired | and | Sleep |
| Chase | and | Catch |
| Dot | and | Dash |
| Ward | and | Private |
| Harr | 'n | Ton |
| Buck | and | Bronx |

Gee! I hope that we're not going to get that way.

WORLDS FAIR VISITED DURING VACATION

Ten fortunate members of our school; Mildred Slattery, Eleanor McCarthy, Angela Mikutaitis, Helvi Wintturi, Virginia Schmidt, Miss Conlon, Miss Nixon, Miss White, Miss Mahoney, and Mr. Knowles were visitors at the New York World's Fair during its opening week, April 30 to May 6. All brought back many inspirations and memories of this great effort of man and science.

A panorama of sunlight and dazzling color during the day, the fair, at night, becomes a world of magic, a living picture of rainbow-tinted waterfalls, and geometric design.

Noise as well as color is outstanding and memorable. Throughout the grounds can be heard the majestic music of the perisphere, sounding out the world of the future. A system of broadcasting brings all announcements and speeches of importance to those on the

"No, my little Shamrock, that's not a banana that's your daddy's nose".

In some colleges, the students have what they call Date Insurance, whereby, when your gentleman friend is late, you are reimbursed for the time you spend waiting for him. Here is a chance for some business minded person to lose some money.

Tom: Today is the day I worried about yesterday....Now I wonder why!

Dear Baseball Team,

Please win the next game as I haven't anything but a shirt left, and if you don't win next time I will never be able to come out of this stuffy closet.

Still bettin',
A. Gambier.

grounds. At the same time from the many highways intertwining throughout the maze of buildings comes the questioning, beckoning cry of the horns from the numerous sightseeing omnibuses.

The "inside" view of the fair gives the visitor the idea of man's possibilities in the many fields of communication, textiles, air conditioning, food, and power. The Edison Company offers the huge scene of the City of Light, New York, as it travels with light and electricity from Dawn to Dusk and Dusk to Dawn. In the Westinghouse Building the world of yester-year is compared with the world of tomorrow. The Ford exhibit educationally shows the car of today, and the history of its parts; and the General Motors Building representatively tells of the motor world of tomorrow which has separate, designated places for pedestrians to walk high above the motor thoroughfares. Amusement and education are found in the Telephone and Telegraph exhibit where hearing may be tested, where one may judge the sound of his own voice over the telephone, and where many listen in on long distance telephones calls. For entertainment, the Beechnut Circus mechanical figures are provided in the Beechnut Building. Endless explanation and praise could accompany the description of any of the marvelous exhibits both during the day and in the evening.

The highest tribute being paid is in reference to the lighting and lagoon. It is "Take your best friend (boy or girl, in the case) to see it at night. It'll work like magic."

If you go to the fair, don't fail to see the foreign exhibits, the communications area, and "Bess," the cow at Borden's exhibit; and above all, stay well into the evening. Remember, "it works like magic." Oh, yes, there's an amusement area.

PINAFORE TRIP ENJOYED BY MANY

The performance of H. M. S. Pinafore, which the College Glee Club witnessed in Boston on Wednesday, May 10, was generally acclaimed to be unsurpassed.

Martyn Green, as Sir Joseph Porter K. C. B. and Helen Roberts as Josephine were outstanding in role portrayal. Miss Roberts, in whom is found a combination of beauty, a fine voice quality and excellent acting ability, immediately won the acclaim of a larger and appreciative audience, and her beautifully styled gowns added much to her performance. Martyn Green's depth of tone, and clever portrayal of the humorous and difficult role of Sir Joseph received tumultuous applause for his work.

The entire cast, trained in the Gilbert and Sullivan traditions, and well versed in the production of that type of music, gave a long-to-be-remembered performance. Many expressed the desire to "see it right over again".

The glee club is to be highly commended for sponsoring trips of this sort. They add greatly to the cultural side of the college extra-curricular program.

MAY DAY FESTIVAL

The annual May Day, sponsored by the Dillon and Edgerly training schools, will be held this year on May 25. Preparations have been going on for several weeks.

The exercises will take place at the Edgerly playground and will comprise games and other activities devised by each class.

Physical Education directors from Boston will attend the affair. Miss Stafford, physical education instructor at the training schools, has charge of the event.

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PROM BIDS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE

The Senior Class wishes to emphasize the fact that no bids for the Senior Prom are to be sold. Bids are to be used only by the persons to whom they are issued. They are not transferable.

The prom will be from 8:30 to 1:30.

TOM SWEENEY HEADS DRAMATIC CLUB

The erstwhile and affable Tom Sweeney was elected president of the Dramatic Club at their meeting, held at Cogshall Park in conjunction with society's annual outing. Russell Gearin, vice-president, Beverly O'Donnell, secretary, and Dorothy Hackett, treasurer, were the other officers elected, all as chosen by the nominating board.

The outing itself was a grand success. The attendance was excellent, A thoroughly enjoyable program was arranged by the committee, informal and fast-moving. A variety of games, the Great American Banquet Fare of hot dogs, soda, ice cream and trimmings, the initiation of new members were the features during the time when all were present. Those who were fortunate enough to be able to remain till the end had a grand time singing, dancing, and "just foolin' around". One of the outstanding hits was Beverly O'Donnell's folk dances, the "Coky-Coke" (see Webster for correct spelling).

After such an evening as that, we all echo the sentiments of Bernie Johnson that, "We wish we could have more of them".

May we extend our sincerest and heartiest congratulations, on behalf of the entire school, to the Senior Class and to its Saxifrage board especially for the excellent yearbook given to F. T. C.

Schedule

WEEK OF MAY 20

Monday

12:20 P. M.—Intra-mural board meeting.

Todd lecture.

3:30 P. M.—Baseball practice.

6:30 P. M.—Gym dance.

Tuesday

11:00 A. M.—Assembly.

3:00 P. M.—Girls' softball.

4:00 P. M.—Baseball F. T. C. vs. Keene (here).

Wednesday

Baseball.

6:00 P. M.—W. A. A. banquet Palmer Hall.

Thursday

4:00 P. M.—Girls' softball.

4:00 P. M.—Baseball practice.

Friday

Final examinations begin.

8:00 P. M.—Senior Prom.

Saturday

Baseball F. T. C. vs. Bridgewater (away).

Mohawk Trip

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O'Sheasy Match Factory will come the matches.

Harry O'Connell has charge of the entertainment. Present plans call for a trip to the top of the mountain on Saturday morning, and the morning and evening Mohawk Rituals at their respective periods.

Todd Lecture

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come of the residue of the estate of Henry Todd, who died in 1849. The lectures are given to all the State Teachers Colleges in Massachusetts.

Lecturers in past years have been Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Zona Gale, and Father Michael J. Ahern. A year ago a panel discussion was presented by a Catholic priest, Father Reynolds; a rabbi, B. Benedict Glazer; and a Protestant minister, Dr. Everett R. Clinchy.